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Spokane osteopath's license permanently revoked due to sexual misconduct with a child

OLYMPIA — The secretary of health has permanently revoked the osteopathic license of Craig A. Morgenstern (DO.OP.00002303) due to sexual misconduct with a child.

The Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery referred the case to the Department of Health to consider sexual misconduct charges. Morgenstern drugged a 13 year-old boy and had sexual contact with him in October 2014.

The revocation completes the legal process that started with the immediate suspension of his license January 8, 2015. Morgenstern has no right to reapply for an osteopathic license in Washington.

The documents in this case can be seen online by clicking "Look up a health care provider" on the Department of Health website; copies can be requested by calling 360-236-4700. That's also the number to call to file complaints against health care providers in Washington.

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